



Docket No.: V9661.0080

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hsiang-Fu Kung et al.

Application No.: 10/848,737

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Art Unit: 1648

For: INHIBITION OF SARS-ASSOCIATED
CORONAVIRUS (SCOV) INFECTION AND
REPLICATION BY RNA INTERFERENCE

Examiner: M. Mosher

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the Interview Summary mailed November 15, 2005, which requires that this statement be filed.

On November 11, 2005, Applicant's representative conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner regarding the above-identified application.

The substance of the interview concerned an election error made by the Applicant's representative in the "Response to Restriction Requirement" ("Response") filed June 7, 2005. Although Applicants instructed the representative to elect species SEQ ID NO:4, the Response inadvertently indicated the election to be SEQ ID NO:1. The representative requested the Examiner for an advice to recover from this error, if possible, without filing a divisional application.

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The Examiner suggested that Applicants should submit a complete response to the first Office Action which considered the application only regarding SEQ ID NO:1, but also that Applicants may include in the response some claims specific to SEQ ID NO:4. The Examiner, however, did not guarantee that such claims would be considered.

Applicants filed a Response to the first Office Action on November 14, incorporating the explanation of the error and additional claims specific for SEQ ID NO:4 for the Examiner's consideration.

Dated: December 8, 2005

Respectfully submitted,



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